

WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE CHIEF CITIES OF EUROPE

WOMEN FEARLESS, DEMAND SUFFRAGE

Threaten to Besiege House of Commons Until Granted.

Would Starve the Members, They Say, Into Submission.

Given Until February 12 to Give the Necessary Pledge.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The most awful things are going to happen to the government unless it mends its ways and grants the right of suffrage to the long suffering, but how loudly clamoring suffragettes. At a mass meeting of women at Stockport the other day, Mrs. Cobden Sanderson, daughter of Richard Cobden, said that the suffragette movement was, like that of her late father, an independent movement.

If the government did not give a necessary pledge on or before February 12 women by the scores of thousands, she said, would besiege the house of commons, and, if necessary, starve the members into submission.

One shudders to think of this. Miss Adele Pankhurst said the male voters were like 1,000,000 czars. There was no fear of the "Gilded Chamber" being abolished by the present Government, as there were too many who hoped to arrive there. George Hill, the husband of the Cardiff suffragettes, now in prison, had received a letter from his wife, in which she says:

"It is hard to be in here, but when people are in real earnest they should have the courage of their opinions. I am thinking of the dear children, but if what we do will serve to improve the conditions which will govern their lives, then we must not be wanting in the courage necessary to obtain it and carry it through. What we ask for is the awakening of the consciences of women."

NUMBERED TITLES ODD PROPOSAL

French Nobles Have a Scheme for Evading Taxes.

PARIS, Jan. 12.—Republican France having decided to tax titles of nobility, an odd proposal to evade the impost is made by the aristocratic newspaper *Le Gaulois*. People with "titles" to their names, suggests the journal, might take numbers and discard their high-sounding patronymics.

Thus the Duc d'A would become No. 534 (or any set of figures), the Marquis de B., the Vicomte de C., the Count de C., would assume prosaic numbers. At receptions in the aristocratic Faubourg, the servants announcing the guests would have to call out a string of numbers, and society columns in the papers would be sprinkled with sets of numerals instead of the picturesque and musical names of the French nobility.

Titled people in France, including the many American women who carry French titles, are laughing over the quaint idea of numbering the aristocracy like convicts.

"COMMUTES" SENTENCE FROM PRISON TO DEATH

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 12.—The summary court-martials instituted in Russia for revolutionary crimes are rivaling the tribunals of Danton and Robespierre in their record of blood.

Every month an appalling and increasing number of executions are carried out at the order of these courts. In the first month the number of victims was 167, the next month 217, and in the third month 268.

The sentences are generally carried out within a few hours, and an appeal against the sentence is allowed.

In one case General Merselmann, governor of Moscow, had the sentence on four men altered a day after the trial from hard labor for life in the convict mines to death sentences, which were carried out the same night.

PARIS' NEW ART FAD IS SCULPTURED COAL

PARIS, Jan. 12.—Paris has a new art fad. It is for sculptured coal. Anthracite is the coal used, and it is fashioned into all sorts of objects, from clock supports to ornaments representing horses, or boats, etc. The creator of this new art is Joseph Sers. He works with a chisel and mallet, exactly as would be done in cutting marble. The separate pieces of the anthracite sculpture are fastened together with screws and nails, also fashioned with coal, and the whole is subjected to a special process which makes it fireproof and almost unbreakable.

WIRELESS FOR A CATHEDRAL

PARIS, Jan. 12.—It is proposed to convert the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on Montmartre into a wireless telegraph station for military use. The vaults of the church were always reported to be stored with ammunition as a precautionary measure in case of a sudden invasion.

The Duke and His Son Who Outwitted a King And Won Pretty Bride



A Recent Portrait of the Duke of Connaught and His Son, Prince Arthur, Who Outwitted King Edward and Forced Him to Give His Consent to His Engagement to Lady Marjorie Manners, One of the Most Beautiful Girls in the British Aristocracy.

Londoners Given Jar By G. Bernard Shaw On Religion's Repair

Playwright Stuns Audience by His Views, Showing He Had Dodged Trouble and Suffering in Life.

By LADY HENRY SOMERSET.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—Some weeks ago I was attracted to a meeting of a society called the Guild of St. Matthew, which is essentially socialistic in its politics and catholic in its religion, by the fact that Mr. Bernard Shaw was to lecture on what he called "Some Necessary Repairs to Religion."

That the lecture has given rise to so much controversy I am not surprised. Mr. Bernard Shaw's methods in dealing with a question of this kind are as startling as some of his literary work. At the outset, however, he proceeded to inform his hearers that he had come to believe in a God if they choose so to call a Supreme Will, which directed the affairs of the universe. Mr. Shaw, however, could not even put so natural a statement into ordinary language, and at the very commencement he shocked his hearers by the familiarity with which he spoke of the Deity, to whom he had now given his adherence.

Some things he said were true enough. For instance, he alleged that the thought about God was curiously interwoven with the medieval representation of the old man with a white beard, and that so long as we placed upon that great universal power limitations which it was difficult to overcome.

Lauds Frances Willard. He then spoke about the familiarity of speech as being no proof of want of reverence, but rather on the contrary, he said, it showed that the belief in God was a true one. "Miss Frances Willard was the most religious woman I have ever known," he declared, "and yet she spoke of her Heavenly Father with what some would call an intimacy which might be considered reprehensible." He then went on to state his faith, which could not be considered by any means orthodox, and he shocked his hearers by some of the expressions that he used with regard to what he called "The Drama of the New Testament."

I could not help feeling that the man who spoke was one who had throughout his life been successful, that sorrow and sin had not lain across his path, but rather that he had turned away from the suffering of life as unendurable, and therefore needed no great solution as to the mystery of pain.

At the end of the meeting questions were asked, but I think everybody present felt as though their most sacred feelings had in a measure been outraged. The lecture has given rise to a great deal of discussion. The Bishop of London remonstrated with the Rev. Stewart Headlam, the warden of the guild, who took the chair, and in consequence of the discussion to which Mr. Shaw's views had given rise, Mr. Headlam called a meeting of the guild last week.

Still He Is Wrong.

"I do not think," he said, "we appreciate the facts of the case. Here is a man and a leader of men who has been an atheist, and has been forced by the facts of life into a profound belief in God. He has broken away from the neo-Darwinian materialism, and is

athirst for the God in whom he has hitherto disbelieved. He knows that the socialism for which he has lived cannot be accomplished without religion.

"On a few matters of tremendous importance he is still wrong, but his face is set in the right direction, and we may believe that the kindly light will lead him on." Mr. Headlam then continued that he had found that men and women in earnest about life had broken away from the Church and Christian religion, on account of the intolerable teaching they had received from the clergy, from Sunday school teachers and day school teachers, both in church and other schools, and that this teaching was making atheists wholesale. "It is impossible," he said, "to destroy the evil of 200 years of Protestant Bible worship without giving pain to worshippers."

On the question of blasphemy, of which Mr. Shaw had been accused, the president of the guild said that "the really terrible blasphemy was not that of the man who spoke against God or Christ, but that of the man or woman who says 'Our Father' morning and evening, and takes no pains during the day to realize the human brotherhood."

Mystery Play Revival.

The revival of the Mystery Play is one of the most interesting features of the last few years. By means of the drama, the sacred stories were wont to be kept alive in the minds of the illiterate in England centuries ago; the cathedrals at one time were the scenes of the most solemn plays, enacting the great mysteries of the Christian faith. By degrees the desire to make these more popular led to buffoonery, which finally killed the Mystery Play.

The revival, however, of "Everyman" was a proof of how deep an impression can be made through the drama of the great tenets of our faith.

This year and last a play has been produced in Germany which illustrates the legend common to many Christian countries that on Christmas eve the "Christ Child" makes a progress through the land, seeking for hearth ready to receive Him.

The girl Egerheart is seen in her simple home, making modest preparations for the child who comes that way, but just as the simple meal is served and all is ready and her hopes rise high, a little group of beggars present themselves at her door—a mother and baby and a tollown man. At first she hesitates, and then she sacrifices her deep desire to entertain the king, to the natural charity of her sweet and simple nature, and she leads them to her table and gives them the food prepared for the King of Kings.

The whole play was given by anonymous actors in a way which was as reverent as it was beautiful.

The play was given in the splendid old hall of the Benchers in Lincoln's Inn. The great thatched roof rose above the stage, casting mysterious shadows, and the effect of the Mystery Play taking place within its gray walls seemed to carry one back to those medieval times when the spirit which animated Egerheart was the common expression of the simple faith of earlier days.

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CARDINALS HELP PRIESTS HARD HIT

Those in Rome Give Up Half of Their Incomes by Request.

PARIS, Jan. 12.—Now that there is no longer any doubt that the separation of church and state has come to stay in France, the majority of the French clergy are beginning to feel very bitter against the Pope, or rather the cardinals at Rome, who are responsible for the crisis.

From Rome comes the news that large donations from Catholics in all countries are arriving at the Vatican to be used in assisting the suffering French clergy. It is also rumored that the Pope has asked all cardinals residing in Rome to give up half their income for the benefit of the French priests and that they have all assented willingly.

A flying machine which uses as its driving power the attraction of the earth, has just been invented by a Frenchman named Bismuth, a native of Roubaix. The machine consists of a main platform, surrounded by a balloon filled with gas. It has taken M. Bismuth ten years to perfect his invention, which he hopes the French government will buy.

The Duchesse de Uzès, one of the most charitable women in Paris, has just been elected president of the Society for Women Painters and Sculptors. Three years ago she was president of the same society, but resigned owing to her being prosecuted by the magistrates of M. Combes for having committed the crime of giving shelter to three expelled nuns.

It has been discovered that radium has a similar influence on the human body to that of many mineral baths. The conclusion has been come to by a Dr. Loeventhal.

Parisian playgoers have been startled by the announcement that Sarah Bernhardt is shortly to play the part of "Faust," which is being prepared by Henri Batulle.

CARDINALS HELP CLERGY.

ROME, Jan. 12.—It is reported that the cardinals resident in Rome have been requested by the Pope to give up half their incomes for the benefit of the clergy of France, and that they have all assented willingly. A portion of the alms received at the Vatican is also being set aside for the French priests.

Black Rock Obelisk Put Over the Grave Of Poet Henrik Ibsen



This Obelisk of Black Labrador Rock Was Erected on the Famous Poet Henrik Ibsen's Grave a Few Days Ago. It Cost Over \$100,000. It Bears a Laurel Wreath in Copper, Presented by the Italian Authors' Club, and Carved into the Rock Is the Hammer of the Old Norse God Thor.

KING EDWARD STUNNED BY BIG HOTEL BILLS

LONDON, Jan. 12.—Exorbitant hotel bills have caused King Edward to decide to avoid hotels on his next visit to the Riviera. His majesty will stay next year at Sir Ernest Cassel's villa, Bellefontaine, which stands in a beautiful park near Biarritz, instead of at the Hotel du Paris, where he formerly had a suite of apartments.

Although he is not easily frightened by legitimate demands for money, the King has been disgusted with the inflated bills presented by hotel proprietors on the Continent, and will submit to their rapacity no longer.

CABINET MINISTER TURNS INTO SPY

Finds Out How Subordinates Carry on Their Bureaus.

PARIS, Jan. 12.—Surprise visits to government departments are characteristic of the new democratic French ministry. Premier Clemenceau started the idea when minister of the interior, and it has now been taken up by M. Chéron, the under secretary for war, and M. Millies Lacroix, the colonial minister.

The latter recently went to the permanent colonial exhibition at the Palais Royal, where the curators' duties include the collection and distribution of information regarding French trade with the colonies. He wished to investigate the alleged inefficiency of this establishment.

The minister, who is not personally known to the exhibition staff, presented himself as a textile manufacturer seeking to extend his business with the colonies. He was received by a minor official with some hauteur and a lot of red tape.

M. Lacroix next encountered a high functionary, who told him to leave his name and address and call again. He and his colleagues will probably be replaced by a more business-like staff.

SWITZERLAND TO BUILD NEW ALPINE SCENERY

GENEVA, Jan. 12.—An artificial Alpine resort, made by landscape gardening on a huge scale, is the latest project of Swiss enterprise.

A company with a large capital has been created to transform a valley near Zweisimmen into an extensive lake, to construct an island in the middle, and to help nature in making a picturesque panorama of Alpine scenery around it. A subway will be made between the shore and the island, on which a big hotel will be built, and a steamer will make trips around the lake.

In winter, the level of the water will be lowered, so that it may be completely frozen over for winter sports.

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